

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** commonly known as the Fair Housing Act, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 enacted a national policy of fair housing without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, familial status, or handicap; and

**WHEREAS,** April 11, 2003, marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this landmark legislation that has helped countless citizens achieve the American dream of obtaining safe, decent, and affordable housing; and

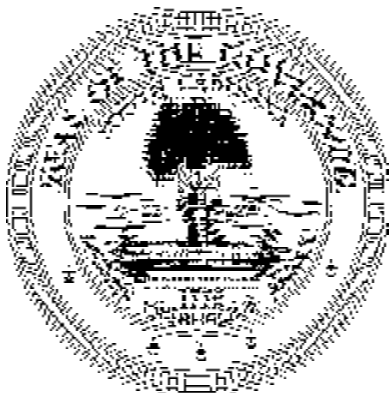
**WHEREAS,** despite great strides in opening housing markets to underserved groups, housing discrimination unfortunately still exists, with groups protected under the Fair Housing Act often falling victim to unscrupulous lending practices; and

**WHEREAS,** with the theme, "Celebrating Diversity – Ensuring Equal Opportunity", the 2003 observance of Fair Housing Month promotes public awareness of every person's right to enjoy equal opportunities in housing free from unlawful discrimination.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2003 as

### FAIR HOUSING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure fair housing opportunities for citizens throughout the Palmetto State.



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**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**